

SITUATION REPORT NO. 13

INCIDENT NO. 2002-007

DATE: February 8, 2002

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Train Derailment – A large anhydrous ammonia plume enveloped significant portions of the Minot area when a 112-car train derailed on Friday, January 18.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: There was one fatality and 1,418 people have sought treatment.
3. DAMAGES: No change from previous reports.
4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: Fire departments from Douglas, Mohall, Berthold, Glenburn, Surrey, Ryder/Makoti, Des Lacs, and Carpio were also involved in the initial response to the anhydrous ammonia release.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: As of February 7, CP Rail has scheduled 180 home air quality assessments.

Estimates indicate a total of 27,731 tons of soil has been removed since work began.

Excavation at the derailment site has been suspended due to soil testing on the north side of the tracks and removal of ice from the Souris River. Testing results will determine the levels of organic nitrogen that remain in the soil.

Forty-three thousand cubic feet of Souris River ice near the site will be hauled to the Minot landfill beginning February 8. Completion is expected within three to five days.

CP Rail has begun to address medical claims.

On February 5, Ward County Commissions formally adopted a disaster declaration. The purpose of the declaration is to provide for the application of county funds to cover expenses until recovery can be made from the responsible party.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from the previous reports.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state, local, and private entity emergency operations plans and procedures have been implemented.

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